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APPLICANTS: Post et al.

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TITLE: "METHOD FOR PROTECTING A SECURITY MODULE AND  
ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
METHOD"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that  
citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of  
examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,805,711

AB United States Patent No. 5,734,723

AC United States Patent No. 5,712,916

AD United States Patent No. 5,680,463

AE United States Patent No. 5,671,146

AF United States Patent No. 5,606,508

AG United States Patent No. 5,490,077

AH United States Patent No. 4,823,323



AI United States Patent No. 4,804,957  
AJ United States Patent No. 4,746,234  
AL German PS 196 05 015  
AM German PS 43 33 156  
AN German OS 42 17 830  
AO European Patent 0 891 601  
AP European Application 0 789 333  
AQ European Application 0 417 447

#### **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

References AA through AG, AJ, AL and AQ were identified and discussed in the present specification and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references. With the exception of Reference AL, all of those references in English, and therefore no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of References AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification concerning that reference constitute a summary of its teachings.

The remaining references, or their respective foreign counterparts, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since References AH and AI are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. English translations of References AM, AN, AO and AP are not readily available to the Applicants. English-language Abstracts are attached to References AM, AN and AP which constitute summaries of their respective teachings, and

Reference AO contains English-language claims, which constitute a summary of its teachings.



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Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Applicants also wish to note two co-pending applications, which disclose subject matter related to the subject matter of the present application. Those applications are United States Application Serial No. 09/522,620, filed March 10, 2000 ("Method for Protecting a Security Module and Arrangement for the Implementation of the Method," Post et al.) and United States Application Serial No. 09/522,621 filed March 9, 2000 ("Arrangement For A Security Module," Post et al.). Both of those applications are assigned to the same Assignee, Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co., as the present application. Both of those applications are pending in Group Art Unit 2768, and Applicants therefore assume the Examiner has access to those co-pending applications and Applicants have not burdened the present file with duplicate copies. If the Examiner would nevertheless prefer a copy of either of these applications be submitted, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicants and a copy will be supplied. The claims of the present application and the claims of these two co-pending applications are patentably distinct.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.



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